

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:)
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EFFENHAUSER et al.) Before the Examiner
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Application No. 09/943,080) Szmal, Brian Scott
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) Group Art Unit
Filed August 30, 2001) 3736
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SYSTEM FOR WITHDRAWING SMALL) Confirmation No.
AMOUNTS OF BODY FLUID) 7687

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-mentioned patent application. A petition for a one-month extension of time along with the requisite fee have been enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extensions of time as well as other charges or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.